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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States Imports for Consumption from the record total of \$1,335.5 million in June to \$1,236.1 million in July reflected substantial decreases in imports of crude materials, semimanufactures, and crude foodstuffs. July imports for consumption were, however, about 18 percent higher than the July 1958 total of \$1,043.8 million.¹

It was stated by the Bureau that for the first seven months of 1959, imports for consumption amounted to \$8,549.7 million, about 17 percent higher than the \$7,281.3 million reported for the corresponding period of 1958.

Decreases in imports of three items accounted for most of the decline in imports of crude materials from \$287.9 million in June to \$244.8 million in July. These were, crude petroleum, from \$94.6 to \$60.2 million; iron ore and concentrates,

¹The detailed July 1958 economic class and leading commodity figures shown in this report, which add to a total of \$1,077 million, have not been adjusted for the fact that there were less July shipments excluded from July for inclusion in August than there were June shipments included in July. The total of \$1,044 million is adjusted for this difference. See footnote one on page one of the July 1958 issue of this report.

from \$35.9 to \$27.8 million; and tin, from \$8.6 million in June to a total less than \$0.01 million in July. These decreases were partly offset, however by small, less noticeable increases in imports of other items included in this economic class as follows: rough or uncut diamonds, from \$6.1 to \$13.5 million; zinc, from \$1.9 to \$6.1 million; and lead, from \$0.6 to \$4.7 million. Imports of semi-manufactures fell from \$306.1 to \$270.8 million as sizable decreases were reported in imports of gas and fuel oil, from \$34.2 to \$23.9 million; nickel and alloys, from \$16.1 to \$7.9 million; and copper, from \$21.1 to \$14.2 million. Declines in imports of coffee from \$73.2 to \$61.4 million and cocoa, from \$14.9 to \$9.4 million accounted for most of the decrease in imports of crude foodstuffs from \$136.6 to \$116.2 million. Imports of finished manufactures decreased slightly from \$457.2 to \$455.2 million as small counterbalancing changes were reported in imports of many of the individual items included in this class. The more noticeable of these were, newsprint, from \$59.5 to \$54.2 million and automobiles and parts from \$74.6 to \$79.4 million. Imports of manufactured foodstuffs advanced slightly from \$147.7 to \$149.1 million largely as a result of an increase in imports of sugar from \$52.3 to \$58.1 million which was partly offset by a drop in imports of meat products, from \$38.5 to \$35.3 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in-transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Effective January 1958 formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by

sampling. These estimated values are shown in this table as "Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures". Prior to 1958 all imports valued \$250 or less whether reported on formal or informal entries were estimated by sampling and were shown separately by economic class. For convenience these estimates for 1957 are now included in the "All other" category for each economic class. For an indication of the effect the change in coverage and the change in presentation of sampled transactions have on the economic classes and commodity totals shown in this report effective with data for 1958, see the January 1958 issue of FT 930-I.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
JULY 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity	July 1959	June 1959	July 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Total.....value..	1,236.1	1,335.5	¹ 1,043.8	1,061.2	1,079.2
Free.....value..	442.7	507.9	416.3	444.6	503.0
Dutiable.....value..	793.4	827.7	661.0	616.6	576.2
Crude materials.....value..	244.8	287.9	214.1	230.2	267.6
Hides and skins.....value..	7.4	9.0	5.2	4.5	4.1
Undressed furs.....value..	4.9	7.5	5.0	6.7	6.6
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb.. value..	107 32.3	104 29.3	58 12.6	89 20.9	104 29.4
Copra.....1,000 lb.. value..	55,732 6.1	51,998 5.4	47,114 3.7	50,102 4.0	53,713 3.4
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb.. value..	13,481 10.0	12,671 9.0	14,821 11.4	11,548 8.7	10,345 8.0
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb.. value..	7,219 0.3	6,595 0.5	4,450 0.3	12,190 2.5	13,692 5.2
Jute and jute butts.....long tons.. value..	5,033 0.8	6,592 0.8	1,227 0.3	3,121 0.7	4,977 1.2
Sisal and henequen.....long tons.. value..	8,319 1.3	11,355 1.8	9,337 1.2	16,306 1.4	10,409 1.5
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight.. clean content ² .. value..	18 14 9.2	24 18 11.9	10 8 4.7	13 10 6.6	14 10 8.5
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight.. clean content ² .. value..	10 7 6.0	12 8 6.9	8 6 5.9	9 6 7.1	10 7 9.1
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords.. value..	101 2.4	91 1.8	107 2.4	114 2.4	147 3.0
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl.. value..	27,181 60.2	42,429 94.6	31,975 79.3	31,977 78.3	32,150 81.7
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats.. value..	232 13.5	140 6.1	70 5.2	94 6.0	83 6.4
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats.. value..	1,202 7.3	1,170 5.5	1,008 5.3	839 3.3	1,051 4.3
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons.. value..	3,188 27.8	4,124 35.9	2,944 24.7	2,294 19.3	2,806 23.8
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	8.5	11.8	10.2	11.4	18.5
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb.. value..	3,640 1.1	4,842 1.4	13,969 3.1	16,884 3.8	18,994 5.5
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb.. value..	47,932 4.7	5,284 0.6	33,863 3.8	40,377 4.3	39,676 5.3
Tin (tin content).....long tons.. value..	... (*)	3,783 8.6	45 (*)	455 0.9	8 (*)
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb.. value..	123,234 6.1	46,873 1.9	37,678 2.1	90,236 4.3	113,656 7.4
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	8.0	7.4	5.1	6.2	6.0
All other crude materials ³value..	26.8	30.3	22.7	26.9	28.7
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	116.2	136.6	146.7	161.4	168.4
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb.. value..	49,054 14.8	43,386 15.3	47,413 14.5	39,847 12.2	32,738 10.2
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands.. value..	46 6.3	64 9.2	60 8.6	94 10.8	59 5.5
Grains.....value..	5.1	2.4	6.6	4.2	5.8
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	0.9	1.1	1.0	3.8	2.2
Bananas.....1,000 bunches.. value..	4,861 6.5	5,463 7.4	3,744 5.6	4,064 5.8	3,976 5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb.. value..	28 9.4	42 14.9	30 12.5	37 14.4	43 11.2
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb.. value..	166 61.4	199 73.2	191 87.2	222 97.5	230 114.7
Tea.....1,000 lb.. value..	9,696 4.2	8,983 4.1	8,229 3.7	8,618 4.0	8,536 4.2
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb.. value..	2,387 0.5	2,341 0.5	1,950 0.4	2,889 0.6	2,713 0.6
All other crude foodstuffs ³value..	7.2	8.5	6.5	8.1	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
JULY 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	July 1959	June 1959	July 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	149.1	147.7	147.1	125.4	106.0
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	87,114	101,070	91,702	70,817	34,084
value..	35.3	38.5	35.5	27.9	15.3
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	3,906	5,148	3,281	4,645	4,240
value..	2.0	2.4	1.7	2.3	2.2
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	44,363	36,670	53,314	39,886	37,175
value..	12.2	11.9	13.8	11.0	10.6
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.7
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	1,049	964	958	772	690
value..	58.1	52.3	53.4	43.3	38.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	31,088	25,880	32,807	28,698	20,076
value..	4.1	3.1	5.4	3.7	3.3
Whisky.....value..	12.4	13.0	13.2	13.2	12.5
All other manufactured foodstuffs ³value..	23.6	24.5	22.1	22.2	22.2
Semimanufactures.....value..	270.8	306.1	218.8	220.1	243.3
Leather.....value..	4.8	4.0	2.5	2.6	2.6
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	313	349	171	200	208
value..	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.6
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	5.6	5.0	5.6	4.1	4.2
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	4,533	11,022	10,608	9,300	10,296
value..	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	5.5	6.2	4.5	3.7	4.0
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	447	490	314	283	245
value..	36.9	40.5	24.0	21.8	20.2
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	214	214	174	175	175
value..	27.1	27.5	22.3	23.1	22.8
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	11,891	16,127	16,471	17,566	15,431
value..	23.9	34.2	39.3	41.6	41.4
Asbestos.....long tons..	56,421	57,262	43,520	43,706	46,670
value..	4.6	5.8	3.8	4.0	4.2
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	76	101	56	60	51
value..	8.0	7.7	6.7	5.7	5.5
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	27.2	23.4	9.6	7.5	4.8
Aluminum.....value..	17.8	18.2	14.2	11.8	10.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	49	70	24	56	79
value..	14.2	21.1	5.8	13.7	23.7
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	56,403	49,333	43,765	61,166	56,519
value..	7.4	6.0	4.7	6.6	7.6
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	12,123	25,466	17,985	15,448	23,133
value..	7.9	16.1	11.3	10.2	16.8
Tin.....1,000 lb..	6,277	12,282	5,073	8,275	11,422
value..	6.2	12.2	4.7	7.5	10.9
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	46,092	26,432	48,683	31,111	44,907
value..	4.6	2.5	4.6	2.9	5.4
Coal-tar products.....value..	6.3	5.6	4.9	3.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	8.0	8.7	5.0	6.0	5.8
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	315	128	75	128	132
value..	4.0	4.9	2.8	4.9	5.0
All other semimanufactures ³value..	49.6	55.0	41.3	37.2	42.5
Finished manufactures.....value..	455.2	457.2	350.6	324.2	293.9
Leather manufactures.....value..	7.6	5.7	6.2	5.1	4.0
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.7
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	11,552	16,600	15,215	11,795	10,208
value..	1.9	3.6	3.9	3.2	2.9
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	13.0	12.5	13.0	9.3	8.1
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	74,055	93,492	58,001	70,910	71,349
value..	46,018	56,195	32,399	40,641	41,253
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	7.1	8.6	4.9	6.3	6.7
Wool manufactures.....value..	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.5
Silk manufactures.....value..	17.7	16.0	11.9	10.9	11.3
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	6.0	6.2	5.7	4.8	4.7
value..	169	231	198	178	159
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	1.6	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.6
value..	434	458	412	407	435
Other paper manufactures.....value..	54.2	59.5	51.9	51.3	54.8
Pottery.....value..	7.0	6.7	5.3	5.0	4.9
value..	5.2	4.9	4.1	3.9	3.7

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES
JULY 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	July 1959	June 1959	July 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	32.2	31.8	15.5	13.4	14.7
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	10.2	9.2	7.1	6.4	6.1
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	15.2	18.1	11.4	10.2	6.6
Automobiles and parts.....value..	79.4	74.6	54.3	46.0	28.1
Other machinery.....value..	42.1	41.8	32.8	28.8	28.1
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	11.4	10.6	13.1	10.5	8.0
Photographic goods.....value..	5.3	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.3
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.1	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.2
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.4	2.2	1.4	1.6	1.7
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	5.8	5.4	4.0	3.4	3.5
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.7	4.7	3.6	3.9	4.7
American goods returned.....value..	19.5	21.2	16.9	16.6	15.8
All other finished manufactures ³value..	87.1	89.6	64.6	64.4	64.1
Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments ³value..	11.3	11.0	7.1	8.3	xxx

*Indicates less than \$50,000.

¹Figures for economic classes and leading commodities for July 1958 are unadjusted. See footnote one on the front page of this report.

²Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.

³For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.